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# **PRESS RELEASE**

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**Rep. Slaughter Announces Approval of \$9 Million For New Dining Facility At Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station**

Our Reservists “Deserve Nothing But the Best”

**Washington, DC** – Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, is pleased to announce that the Military Construction Appropriations Subcommittee approved \$9 million for a new dining facility at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (NFARS) last Thursday, June 12, 2008. The Subcommittee’s approval comes after Rep. Slaughter secured authorization for federal funding as part of the FY09 National Defense Authorization Act earlier this fall.

Rep. Slaughter is NFARS’s strongest advocate in Congress and has worked tirelessly to improve and expand the Base. Her efforts have been instrumental in keeping the reserve station operational and off the Base Realignment and Closure list.

**“The Niagara Air Base is not only critical to our national security, but vital to the economic well-being of the region,”** said Rep. Slaughter. **“Every dollar invested into the facility means more jobs and economic opportunity for Western New York.”**

The \$9 million will be used to construct a state-of-the-art dining facility that will meet increased capacity requirements and fix structural deficiencies that pose safety hazards to occupants.

**“The brave men and women serving our nation in uniform deserve nothing but the best,”** “I will continue to do all that I can at the federal level to make sure they receive the equipment and facilities they deserve.” continued Rep. Slaughter.

After being favorably reported from the Military Construction Appropriations Subcommittee last week, approval by the full Appropriations Committee is required and expected before the end of the fiscal year.

## **BACKGROUND**

Rep. Slaughter secured authorization for \$9.81 million for a state of the art dining facility at NFARS in H.R. 5658, the FY09 National Defense Authorization Act this Fall. The bill provided key funding and support for the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (NFARS), as well as, \$531.4 billion for defense and national security programs in the coming fiscal year.

The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station is the second largest employer in Niagara County and critical to national security. As such, Rep. Slaughter has a long history of defending the Base from closure. In 2005, NFARS was placed on the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) list. Fortunately, Rep. Slaughter and the New York State Congressional Delegation, along with the Niagara Military Affairs Council, successfully pressured the BRAC Commission to take NFARS off of the list.

Rep. Slaughter has also been instrumental in bringing additional aircraft to NFARS.

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